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SUBJ: US INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION FINDINGS ON NON-  
RUBBER FOOTWEAR

REF: STATE 042827

1. ROMANIAN OFFICIALS HAVE  
INDICATED UNOFFICIALLY THEIR  
CONCERN ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF POSSIBLE "ESCAPE CLAUSE" TARIFF  
OR TARIFF-QUOTA IMPORT RELIEF UNDER SEC 202-203 OF THE  
TRADE ACT ON ROMANIAN FOOTWEAR EXPORTS. FOLLOWING THE  
GRANTING OF MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT TO ROMANIA IN  
AUGUST 1975, U.S. IMPORTERS HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN SEEKING  
FOOTWEAR EXPORT COMMITMENTS FROM ROMANIA. MFT OFFICIALS SAID  
FIVE OR SIX CONTRACTS FOR SOME 3 1/2 MILLION PAIRS OF SHOES  
HAD BEEN SIGNED IN RECENT MONTHS WITH U.S. IMPORTERS. IN  
FULFILLMENT OF THESE CONTRACTS ROMANIANS HAVE UNDERTAKEN  
SPECIFIC PRODUCTION COMMITMENTS FOR COMING THREE TO FOUR-  
MONTH PERIODS.

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2. ROMANIAN OFFICIALS ASKED HOW THEY COULD BRING THEIR

VIEWS TO THE ATTENTION OF USG IN HOPES THAT IT MIGHT INFLUENCE PRESIDENTIAL DECISION IN THIS CASE. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT WE DID NOT HAVE DETAILS, BUT SUGGESTED CONTACT WITH ITC OR STR IN WASHINGTON TO LEARN PROCEDURE.

3. COMMENT: MOST OF ROMANIA'S FOOTWEAR MARKETS ARE OUTSIDE US (A TOTAL OF 16.7 MILLION PAIRS WERE EXPORTED IN 1974). NEVERTHELESS, GOR WAS HIGHLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ITS OPPORTUNITY TO REPLACE OTHER U.S. IMPORTS FOLLOWING GRANTING OF MFN. MFT OFFICIALS STATE THIS WOULD BE PRECLUDED IF TARIFF-QUOTA SYSTEM WERE INTRODUCED.

4. EMBASSY'S PRIMARY CONCERN IS WITH CONTRACT-FULFILLMENT ASPECTS OF ANY TARIFF OR TARIFF-QUOTA MEASURES TAKEN, GIVEN THE HIGH TARIFF LEVELS PROPOSED BY ITC. WE TRUST THAT CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO PROBLEM AND THAT RELIEF FORMULA FINALLY APPROVED WILL OFFER SOLUTION. FROM OUR LIMITED PERSPECTIVE AND WITH PARTIAL DATA AT HAND WE BELIEVE THAT NUMBER OF BROKEN CONTRACTS INVOLVING ROMANIA WOULD BEHUTE LIMITED IF EXISTING TARIFF COULD BE CONTINUED FOR SHIPMENTS UNDER SPECIFIC CONTRACTS SIGNED BEFORE FEBRUARY 20. ALTERNATIVELY, DAMAGE DONE TO US-ROMANIAN TRADE RELATIONS WOULD LIKELY BE REDUCED MATERIALLY IF MEASURES DO NOT GO INTO EFFECT BEFORE, SAY, JULY 1.  
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